

# *Arts Education Week 2006*



## **Sample Language *for* Curtain Speeches *and* Other Announcements**

**Please use this as a guide; add or modify as appropriate for your setting:**

- We'd like to share some exciting news with you: Governor Chris Gregoire has signed a proclamation that designates May 14-20, 2006, as Arts Education Week in Washington State.
- What does this mean and why is it important?
  - It gives us an opportunity to celebrate arts education and the great things it does for our students.
  - It also gives us an opportunity to call attention to how much more needs to be done to ensure that *all* students have access to strong arts programs in their schools.
  - The arts are a core academic subject area in our state, and more importantly, education in the arts develops imagination, critical thinking, creative problem-solving, communication skills, self confidence, and cultural awareness; which in turn helps students reach their full potential for both academic achievement as well as long-term personal success.
- Here at [ name of organization/school ] we know that arts are a necessary component of a complete education. We are pleased to be a part of recognizing Arts Education Week, and we invite you to learn more about our arts education programs by
  - Referring to our program/website/table in the lobby; visiting x, y, z...
- The Governor's support underscores the importance of supporting and improving arts education programs in our schools; we hope you will be inspired to work with us on this cause, and we encourage you to visit the websites of ArtsEd Washington and the Washington State Arts Commission to learn more about how you can support arts education in our state.

**Thank you very much!**